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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PARM NATO MBFR

SUBJECT: IISS MILITARY BALANCE FIGURES FOR MBFR

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1. VEST CALLED ATTENTION OF KEN SCOTT, BRITISH EMBASSY, SEPTEMBER 7, TO RECENTLY PUBLISHED IISS ESTIMATE OF 899,000 SOVIET GROUND FORCES IN REDUCTION AREA, AS OPPOSED TO NATO-TABLED ESTIMATE OF 950,000 AND US ESTIMATE OF 980,000. HE NOTED THAT IISS FIGURES TEND TO BE QUOTED AS GOSPEL; THIS COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE MBFR CONSEQUENCES. HE SUGGESTED SENIOR BRITISH CONTACTS MIGHT TALK TO CHRIS BERTRAM TO ENCOURAGE GRACEFUL WAY OUT OF DISCREPANCY BEFORE IISS GENERAL CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK IN VIENNA.

2. SCOTT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BRING TO ATTENTION OF JOHN THOMSON WHO WOULD APPRECIATE MBFR ASPECT AND WOULD BE GOING TO IISS CONFERENCE. ROBINSON

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